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Recruiting for the KVP

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REMARKS

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1. In late July it was learned [redacted] Kreis registration office [redacted] did not have to fulfil a fixed recruiting quota after 15 July. Volunteers were still being accepted. In about September, a new recruiting quota was to be [redacted]

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2. Subject to the recruiting were young men of all professions, not younger than of the 1957 class. In late July, most of the recruits were assigned to KVP Army Units. Since April, the Kreis registration offices did not recruit any personnel for the KVP. Former German Army officers were no longer permitted to register with the KVP. Former KVP officers with fitness grades I and II, who had not been dishonorably discharged, could be recalled to active duty on request.

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3. In late July, the registration of all male persons up to 45 years (?) was executed according to the so-called "Befehl 28" (order 28), which was top secret and known by only a few officers.

4. It was learned in August that, according to an alleged decision by the Central Committee of the SED, only 15 percent of the students of the GDR were to be inducted for service with the KVP. The others were to receive a premilitary training by the GST. For this purpose, those of the 10,000 KVP members to be discharged on 1 October, who could not be employed in a profession or given a special training, were to serve as instructors with the GST.²

5. [redacted] volunteers for the KVP were usually not inducted prior to their 18th birthday.

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6. Comment. The information reflects the results of the decision of 11 July 1955 by the Central Committee of the SED on the recruiting of VPs.

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7. Comment. In the summer of 1955, many students attended sub-leader courses of the SED. [redacted] It has been known that additional KVP personnel was to be discharged in October. No information has been received on the precise date.

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